threat to ecology, environment and surroundings on account of damage to stilling basin.

Old age pension

4269. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHAR-MA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are more than five crore people beyond the age of 60 years in the country at present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that only nine per cent of these people are covered by the old age pension scheme;

(c) whether Government are considering *to* bring gradually more people under the old age pension scheme; and

(d) what other welfare measures are in the offing in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) The age date o:f 1991 census is under process. However, according to the- Rs-gistrar General's projections the proportion of aged people to the total population has increased from 6.2 per cent in 1981 to 6.5 per cent in 1991.

(b)' to (d) The Central Government has no scheme for grant of old age pension. A Committee has been set-up to operationalise the announcement made by the Finance Mi-jnster in regard to National Social Assistance Scheme. One of the components of the scheme is the provision of ,a national minimum old age pension of Rs. 75/- per month to people above 65 years of age who are below the poverty lire. However, the State Governments|Urban Territories are giving old age pension at varying scales. The Central Government has formulated a scheme for Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Pro grammes relating to the Aged, which is being implemented since 1993-94. Under this scheme the voluntary or ganisations are given 90 per cent grant-in-aid (95 per cent in respect of tribal areas) for running Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres and Mobile Medicare Units for providing physi-cal, social, emotional and economic support to the Aged with a view to help them to continue to be useful and active members of the community.

The Government have, however, no data, regarding percentage of coverage of the aged under the old age Pension scheme of the State Governments.

Implementation of social welfare Programmes

4270. SHRI S. S, AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) wiether it is a fact that Government policy envisages promotion and development of voluntary efforts for implementation- of social welfare programmes falling under the ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether it is also a fact that voluntary efforts in respect of several social welfare activities are also funded by international organisations, including respective wings of UNO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of voluntary organisations who were given financial assistance by the Ministry of Welfare for implementation of Social Wel-

fare Programmes during 1994-95, is as follows: —

Field of activity	No. of Orgns.	Amount of grant-in-aid (Rs. in crores)
1. Scheduled Castes Dev.	313	11.69
2. Scheduled Tribes Dev.	78	4.96
3. Welfare of Minorities/economically backward sections	53	1.50
4. Handicapped Welfare	560	24.55
5. Social Defence and Drug Abuse Prevention	724	21.80

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Details of Welfare activities funded by International Organisations, including respective wings of UNO are as follows:—

(i) U.WCEF assisted Master-Plan of Operation (1991—95) to prevent childhood disability in India involving an overall financial commitment by UNICEF of US $ 3,200,000.

(ii) UNDCP assisted project for Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration of ex-drug addicts (1989— 93)—UNDCP assistance of US $ 2.5 million envisaged.

(iii) 1LO assisted project for Developing Drug Community Rehabilitation Programme in four countries, viz. India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka—Total project cost US $ 500,000.

गुजरात में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के छात्रों के लिये छात्रावास

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(क) इस समय गुजरात में अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के छात्रों के लिये जिलेवार कितने छात्रावास हैं ;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उनमें से जिलावार कितने छात्रावासों का निर्माण किया गया ;

(ग) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान जिलेवार ऐसे कितने छात्रावासों का निर्माण करने का विचार किया गया है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा कितनी सहायता दी गई थी?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी): (क) गुजरात सरकार द्वारा नवम्बर/दिसम्बर, 1993 में दी गई सूचना के अनुसार एक विवरण संलग्न है। **(नीचे देखिये)** ।

(ख) अपेक्षित सूचना राज्य सरकार से एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

(ग) 1994-95 के दौरान गुजरात में जिलावार ऐसे होस्टलों के निर्माण की प्रस्तावित संख्या नीचे दी गई है:

जिला	होस्टलों की संख्या
भावनगर	1
बलसाड	2
कच्छ	1